

The WEEKDAY Times

Newsletter of Weekday Ministries Child Care Center

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WEEKDAY MINISTRIES CHILD CARE CENTER

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Open 6:30am to 6:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY thru FRIDAY

9:00am-4:30PM

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Happy Birthday!

Children:

Caitlyn F. 5/1

Leo A. 5/9

Emily S. 5/13

Page F. 5/14

Peter H. 5/19

Andrew R. 5/22

Teachers:

Miss Heather 5/13

Important Dates:

May 3

PreK field trip to the Aviary

May 4

Parent Appreciation Day (What's this? A surprise!)

May 9

Mother's Day

May 14

Staff Appreciation Day

May 14

Lifetouch Photography: SMILE for photos

May 27

PreK carnival and graduation ceremony

May 31

CLOSED for Memorial Day

Planning for summer?

We will serve your children through August until they enter first grade. Full time children may cut down to two days a week to hold their spot over the summer. The two days are floating ones, so you can change your two days as you like! This offer is only good for children who are full-time in the fall. Please see the director for more information.

- Summer camps are forming now. Mt. Lebanon and Dormont Extended Day programs include trips to the swimming pool, art, crafts and outdoor games. The YMCA also provides day camp experience.
- Please tell your child's teacher if your child will be staying over the summer or leaving us.

Congratulations!

Carol Flaherty earned her CDA (Child Development Associate) diploma for college level work she completed in December.

Heather Buettner Garcia will be awarded her BS in Psychology from California University of Pennsylvania this month! She will continue her education to earn her Master's in Counseling while working here. Annie Nordeen will be awarded her BA in Art Education from Carlow University!

SHOES...

Warm weather brings wiggling, naked toes. But consider the safety of your children! Children need to wear shoes that protect their feet while running and climbing stairs!



CLASSROOM NEWS

INFANTS

As your babies grow, please remember to take a *Child Health Report* along to the doctor to update for each well child checkup. Also, you can check your child's individualized lesson plan posted on the closet door for skills that we are working on. Jackie Perry

SUPERTOTS

Supertots are exploring flowers and gardening this month, along with celebrating Moms for Mother's day. Our theme words are *flower, dirt, watering can, shovel, and Mom*. Theme colors are *pink & brown*. The theme shape is the circle. We also explore the truth that *God gave us parents!*
Alissa Matson

YOUNG TODDLERS

This month the Younger Toddlers will be learning that God gives us parents and how our mommies and daddies love us. Art will include adventures with farm animals. Please make sure your child can run in his or her shoes and that there is a jacket to wear since we go outside as much as we can! Erin Piatt

OLDER TODDLERS

We wish Denasia well in the preschool room. We are looking forward to our new friend Gabriel joining the Older Toddler gang. Themes include Mother's Day and the five senses. We will be doing projects to familiarize the children with their senses. The teachers have colorful projects planned for Mother's Day. We planted some seeds recently and took guesses on how long they would take to sprout. Guesses ranged from six to twelve days. Our seeds came to life in only two! Wow! As usual, we are working on good manners. We are also excited and proud that all of our older toddlers are using the potty now! Way to go O.T! Janice Zaborowski

PRESCHOOL PALS

This month, we continue learning about nature. We are watching plants and bugs. We also celebrate the mothers in our lives. We are going to learn about how hard they work, how much they love us and how we thank them. We are getting ready to say *good-bye* to some of our friends who are leaving and saying *hello* to our new friends. Cathy Helbig

PREK CLASSES

It's the end of the school year for PreK classes! Themes are *Animals* and *All About Me*. Lessons include addresses and telephone numbers. A field trip is planned on May 3 for PreK4 and T classes to the Carnegie Science Center! We're taking a school bus there. There will be a school carnival and graduation ceremony on the 27th. It has been another successful year for our PreK crew. Orientation for new fall classes will take place on 9/7 for PreK3 and T classes and 9/8 for PreK4 class. Monica Bochkoris

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Mettelise Ziegler

This month, the children will gain better understanding that God gives us parents to love and guide us and that we are to "honor our father and mother" as the Fourth Commandment decrees.

In a child's eyes, there is no greater knight than Dad and no one more beautiful than Mommy. Being good parents is both a privilege and a sacred responsibility!

Parents are the people who establish their children's value-system. No matter how much time they spend at Weekday Ministries or in scouting, soccer or dance class, kids will inevitably absorb whatever their parents model in manners, attitudes and religious values. That's the way God designed it.

The good news is that parents do not have to be perfect to be successful! They just have to know where to turn for help.

⁹If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just (true to His own nature and promises) and will forgive our sins [dismiss our lawlessness] and [continuously] cleanse us from all unrighteousness [everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action]. 1 John 1:9 (The Amplified Bible)

As a parent myself, I always go to God's Word first. But I have listed more helpful suggestions for successful parenting below! ☺

1. "A truly appreciative child will break, lose, spoil, or fondle to death any really successful gift within a matter of minutes." ~ Russell Lynes
2. "The quickest way for a parent to get a child's attention is to sit down and look comfortable." ~ Lane Olinhouse
3. "When my kids become wild and unruly, I use a nice safe playpen. When they're finished, I climb out." ~ Erma Bombeck
4. "Few things are more satisfying than seeing your own children have teenagers of their own." ~ Doug Larson.
5. "A three year old child is a being who gets almost as much fun out of a fifty-six dollar set of swings as it does out of finding a small green worm." ~ Bill Vaughan.
6. "It is amazing how quickly the kids learn to drive a car, yet are unable to understand the lawn mower, snow blower or vacuum cleaner." ~ Ben Bergor
7. "The reason grandchildren and grandparents get along so well is because they have a common enemy." ~ Author Unknown
8. "Like all parents, my husband and I just do the best we can, and hold our breath, and hope we've set aside enough money to pay for our kids' therapy." ~ Michelle Pfeiffer
9. "The truth is that parents are not really interested in justice. They just want quiet." ~ Bill Cosby
10. "Mothers are all slightly insane." ~ J.D. Salinger
11. "The most remarkable thing about my mother is that for thirty years she served the family nothing but leftovers. The original meal has never been found." ~ Calvin Trillin
12. "If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?" ~ Milton Berle
13. "Raising kids is part joy and part guerrilla warfare." ~ Ed Asner

